

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ☐.
- iii. ☐ Other - ☐.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other - ☐.

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1) required)
- b. ☐ Other - ☐.

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.14 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$375.00
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- ☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.
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- b. i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/16/2003 RHEBRIGHT 00000046 09909141
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 375.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other - ☐.
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Sir:

The following is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on June 12, 2003 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing Issue Fee, Applicant's Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

REMARKS

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the cited references are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (508) 416-2474.

Respectfully submitted,
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